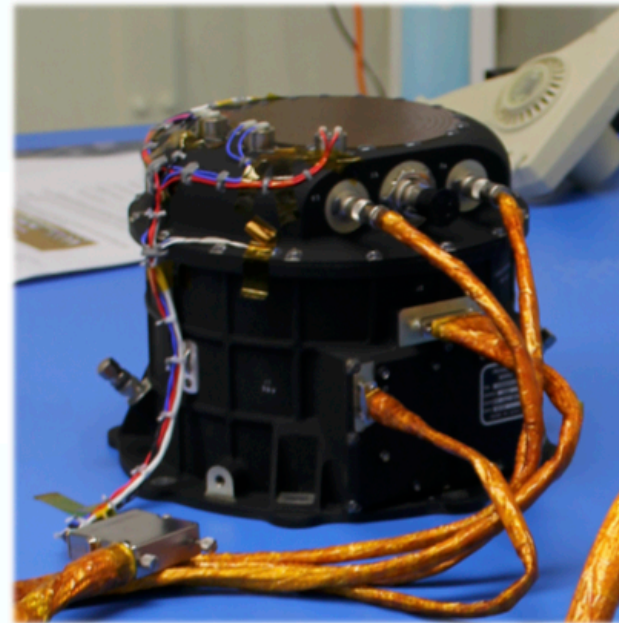


Using Measurements from the Disturbance Monitoring Package in SAGE III/ISS Data Processing



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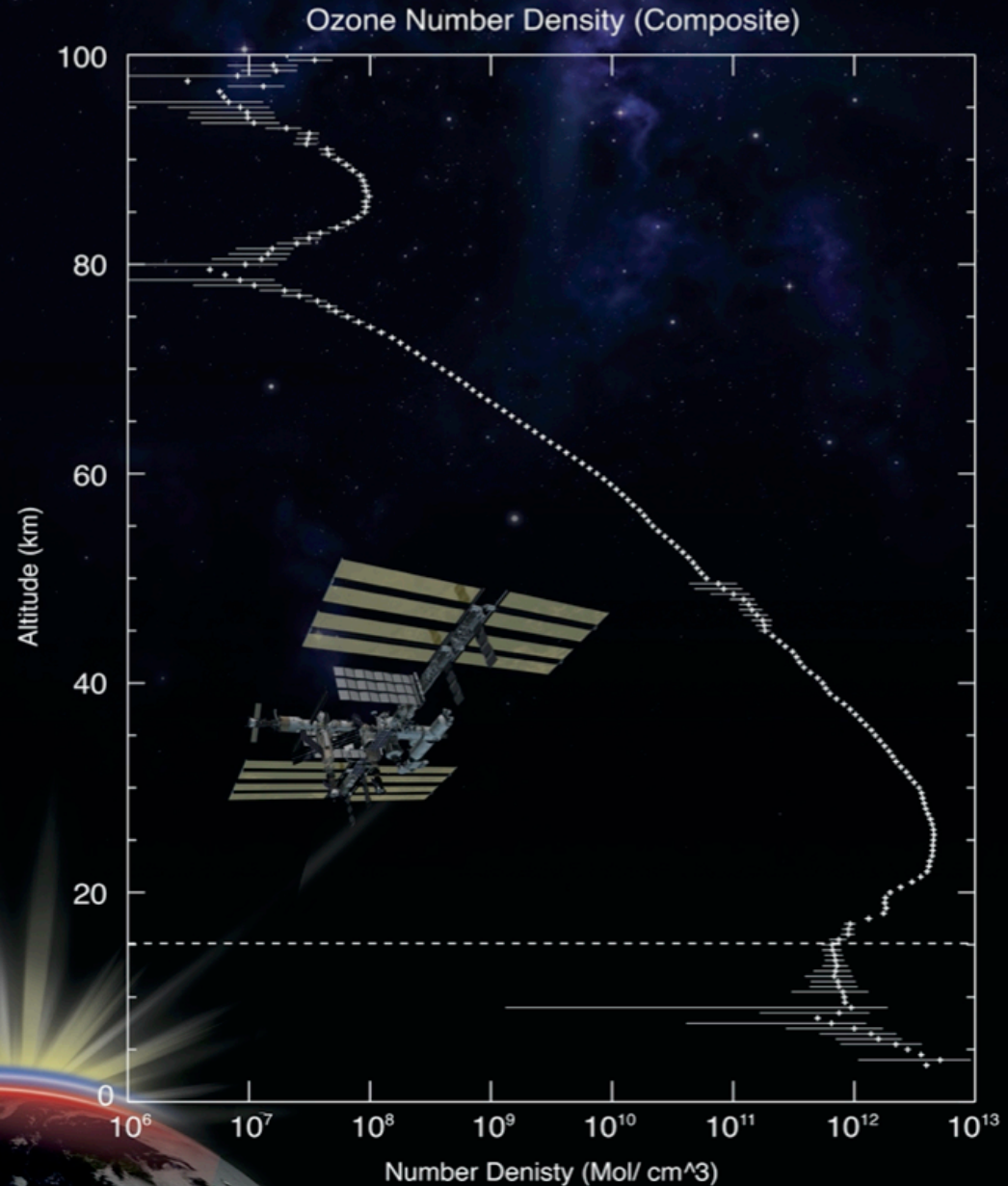
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SAGE III/ISS – Latest in the SAGE Series of Occultation Instruments



SAGE III/ISS Event ID: 00164320



SAGE III/ISS Retrieves Profiles of :

- O₃, NO₂, Aerosols, H₂O Vapor
- Other trace gases

Occultation Measurement Technique is performed by:

- Scanning Radiant Target (Sun/Moon) through the atmosphere
- Transmission is then converted to vertical profiles
- Requires precise pointing knowledge of the target
- Prior Missions operated in benign Mechanical Vibrational Environment

Tracking & Scanning Radiant Target accomplished by:

- Azimuth rotor assembly
- Elevation Scan Mirror
- [ISS] Disturbance Monitoring Package

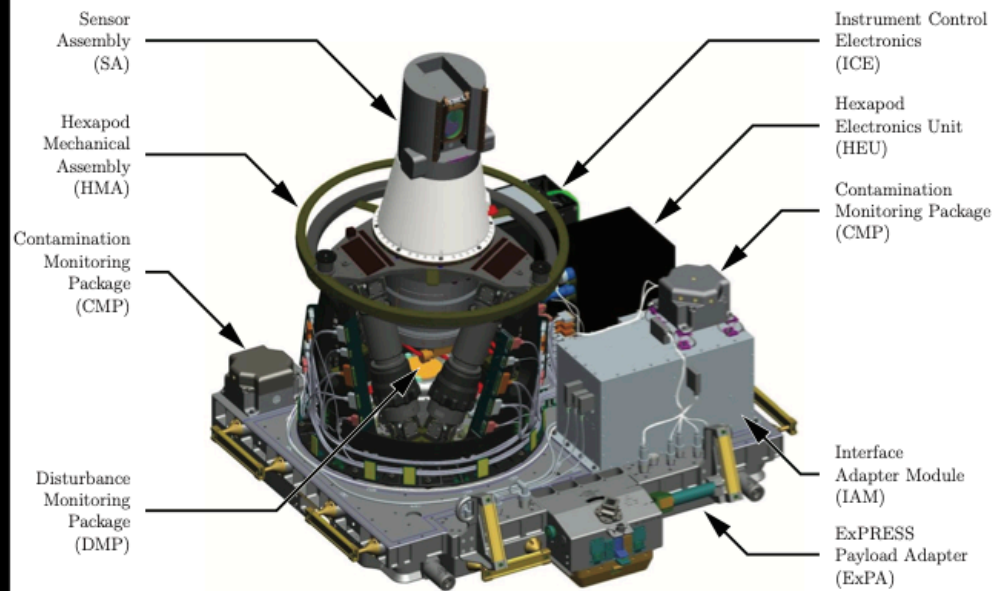
[ISS] International Space Station experiences attitude fluctuations caused by:

- Maintaining TEA (torque equilibrium attitude)
- Reboosts, Dockings, Maneuvers
- Pointing precision requirement < 30 arcsec
- 10% Events Impacted by disturbances

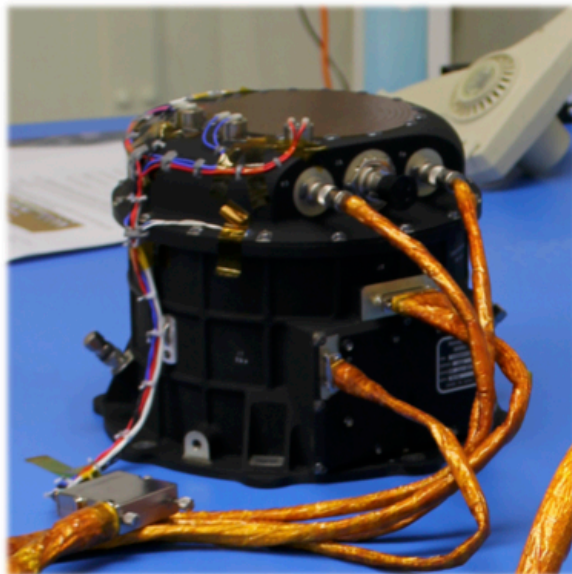


SAGE III/ISS – Sage III Payload & Disturbance Monitoring Package

SAGE III Payload



Disturbance Monitoring Package



SAGE III Payload is comprised of 5 subsystems:

- Sensor Assembly [SA]
- Hexapod Mechanical Assembly [HMA]
- 2 Contamination Monitoring Packages [CMP]
- Disturbance Monitoring Package [DMP]
- Interface Adapter Module [IAM]

Attitude Fluctuations are measured by a Disturbance Monitoring Package [DMP]:

- Miniature Inertial Measurement Unit [MIMU]
- 3 Ring Laser Gyroscopes
 - Sensitive to rotations as small as 1μ radian @ 200 Hz [.001 arcsec / sec]
- 1μ radian in elevation \rightarrow 0.7m – 2.5 m in tangent height registration from a 400km orbital altitude
- Significant as only 30m of the 100m altitude error budget are allotted to spacecraft attitude

Coordinate Systems

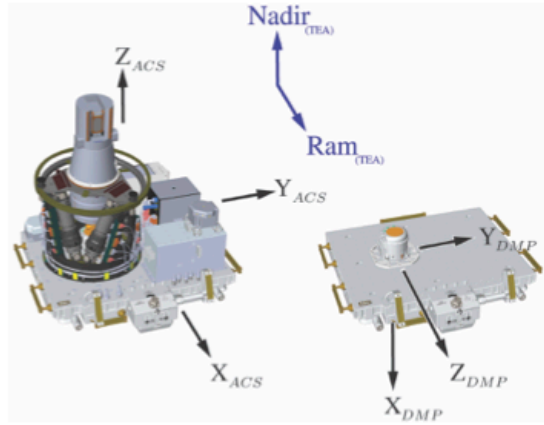


Figure 3

Instrument Boresight



Figure 4

DMP Elevation Correction

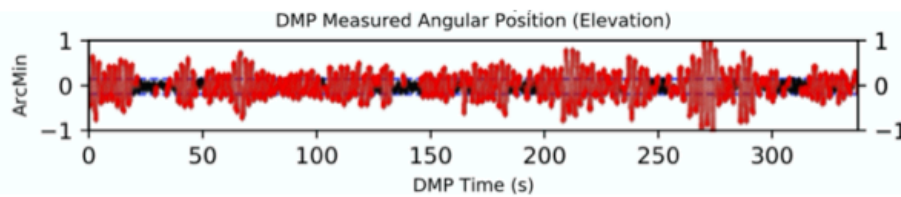


Figure 5

ACS and DMP Coordinate Systems:

- [ACS] Analysis Coordinate System fixed to ISS
 - ACS Z-axis → Nadir [normal TEA attitudes]
 - ACS X-axis → RAM [normal TEA attitudes]
 - DMP is oriented to ACS such that axes form [normal TEA attitudes]:
 - ~90 rotation about the Y_{ACS}, Y_{DMP} shared axis
- Other ACS orientations are possible but less common

Transform DMP Measurements → [Elevation, Azimuth Roll]:

- Remove Orbital Motion
- Filter Dither using Butterworth Filter
- Convert Gyro Positions to Rates
- Rotate through Quaternions:
 - Hexapod [HMA]
 - Static [alignment error due to -Wedge]
 - DMP → SA Coordinate Transformation

DMP Elevation Correction [DMP Offset]:

- Map into Boresight Frame using Azimuth, Elevation Angles
- Mark Exceedances
- Down Sample to 64 Hz



Pointing Registration Correction

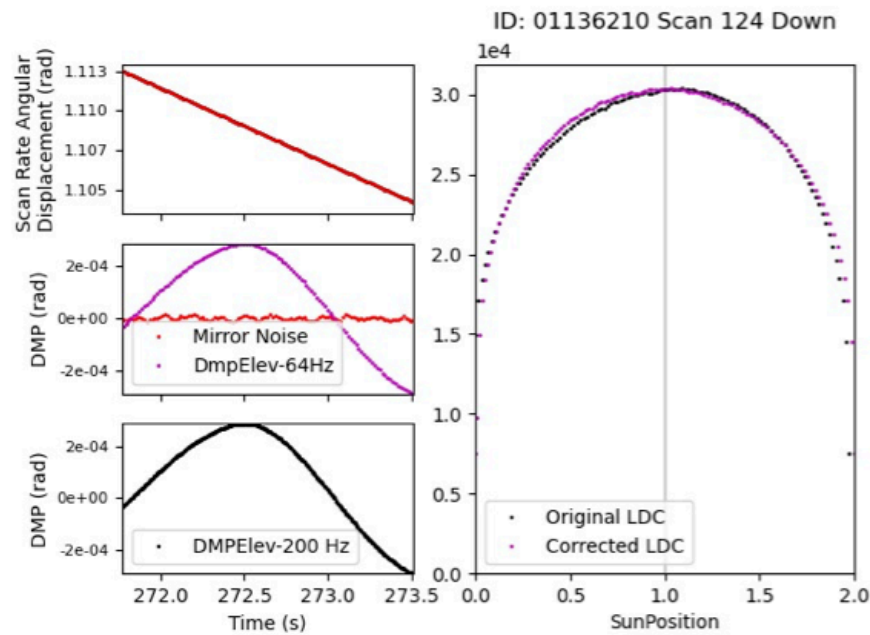


Figure 6

[Without DMP Correction (Black) and With DMP Correction (Magenta)]

Lower Atmospheric Correction

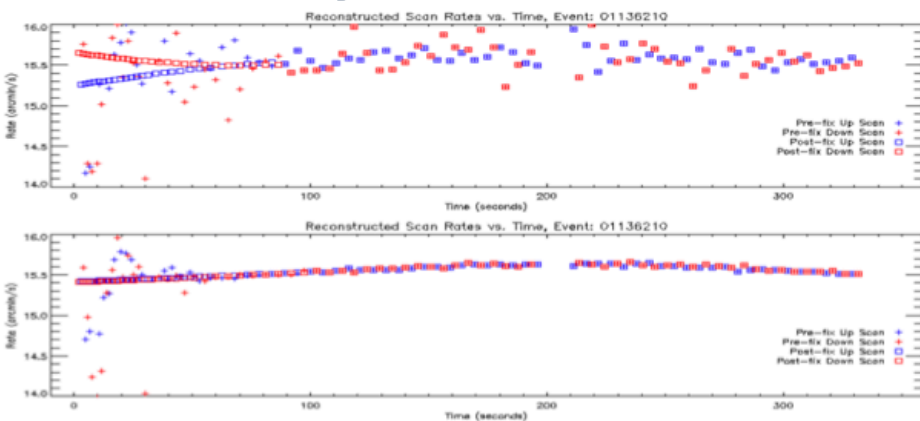


Figure 7

Pointing Registration Correction:

- Assigns solar positions by scaling angular displacements from Nadir using a calculated Scan Rate as,

$$[\text{Scan Rate} = \text{top edge-bottom edge}/\text{time difference}]$$

- DMP correction for the same interpolated time is added

Fig 6 Left: Time series for Scan Rate Displacement, & DMP Offset

Fig 6 Right: Limb Darkening Curves

Lower Atmospheric Scan Rate Correction:

- Sun becomes occluded requiring Exo-Atmospheric scan rate extrapolation

Fig 7 Top: diverging red & blue boxes

- DMP Offset added to Exo-Atmospheric, corrected scans then result in an improved lower atmosphere extrapolation

Fig 7 Bottom: aligned red & blue boxes



SAGE III/ISS – Pointing Registration Animation 1

Pointing Registration Correction

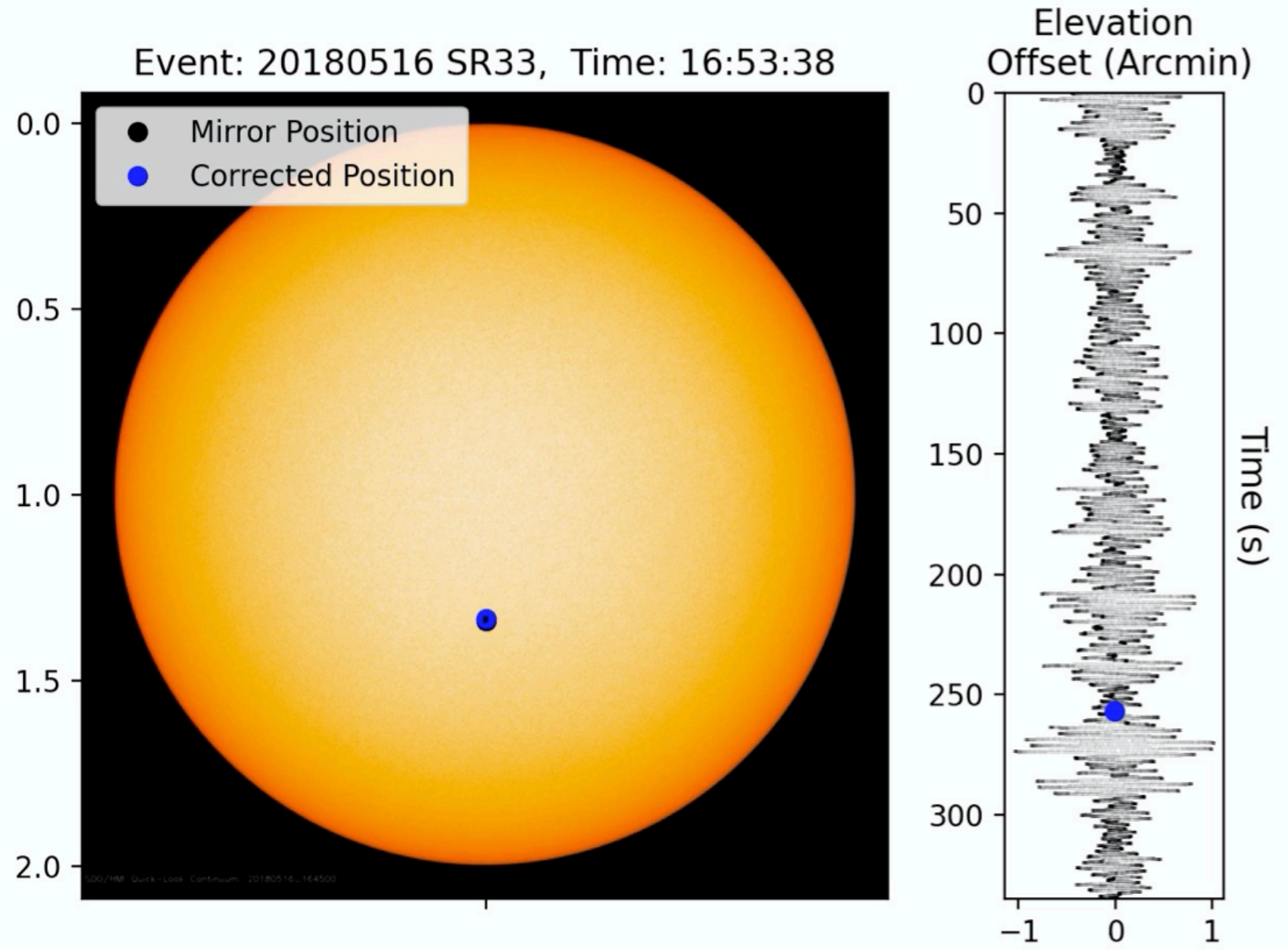
- Assigns solar positions by scaling angular displacements from Nadir using a calculated Scan Rate
- DMP correction for the same interpolated time is added

Animations

- Left Plot:
SDO HMIIC image
OverPlotted w angular positions
w & wout DMP correction
- Right Plot:
Elevation Offset added
to angular displacement

Note Depending on Disturbance angular rate and direction compared to those of the Mirror, the DMP Corrected Solar Position will lead or lag the Mirror Position*

Without DMP Correction (Black)
With DMP Correction (Blue)





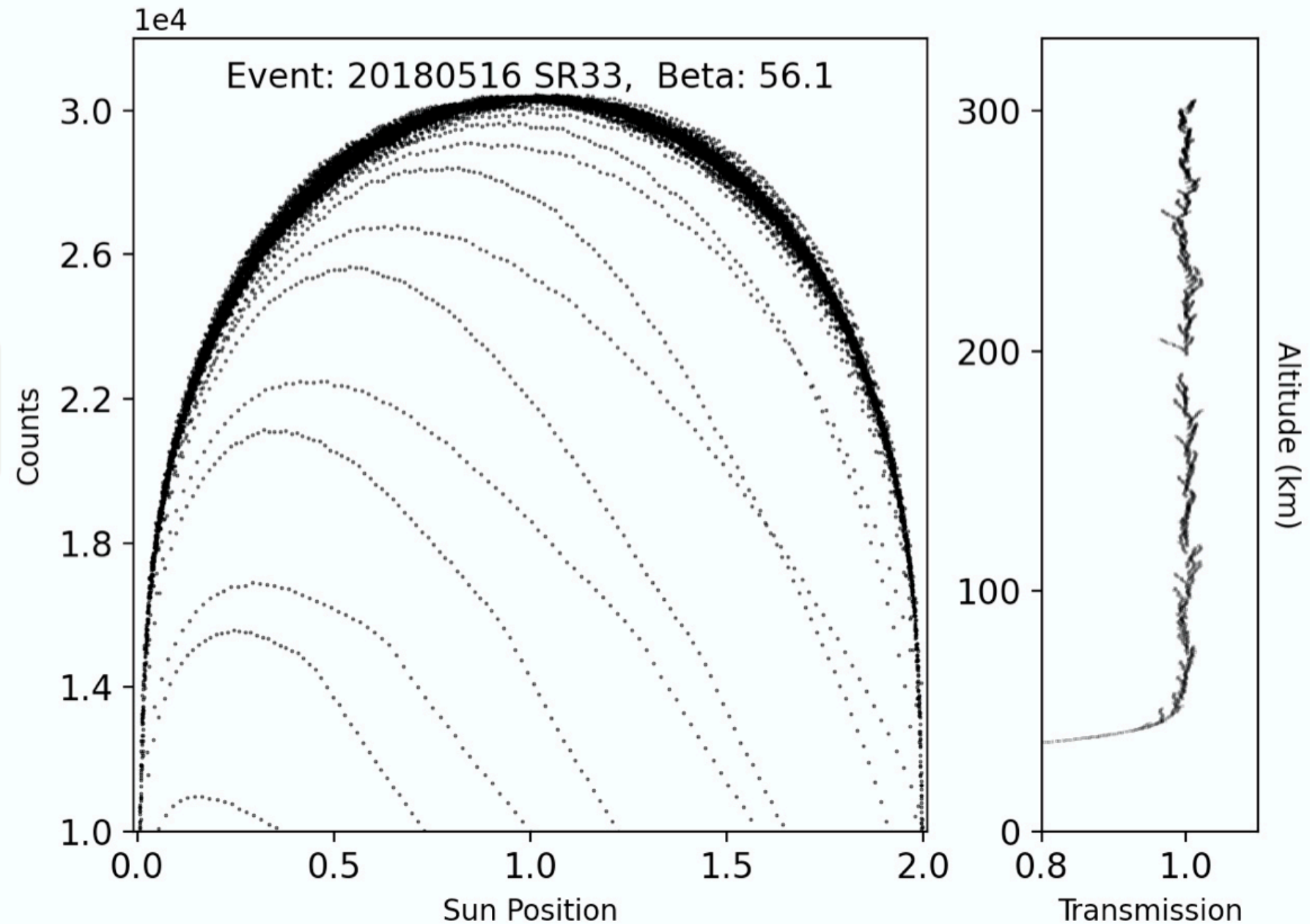
Pointing Registration Correction

To Illustrate effect of the DMP Correction, an animation iterates through events showing Level 1 Intensity and Transmission Data

- 50 Events: Largest # Disturbances
- BEFORE –and- AFTER Correction
- Left Plot:
Solar Intensity vs Sun Position
- Right Plot:
Transmission vs Altitude

Without DMP Correction (Black)
With DMP Correction (Blue)

Note Events w Sunspots*



Level 1 Transmission

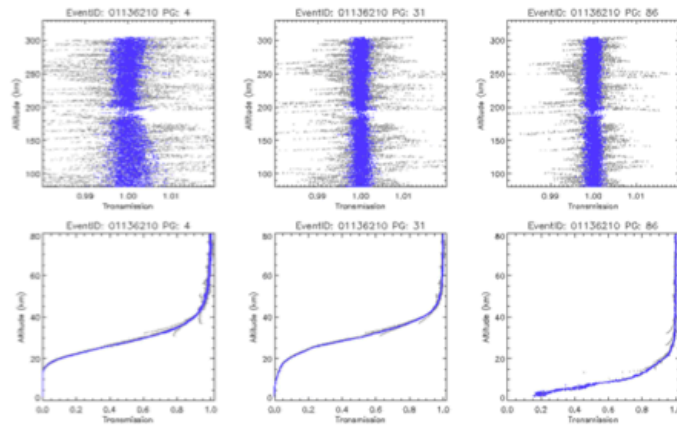


Figure 8

Level 2 Data Products

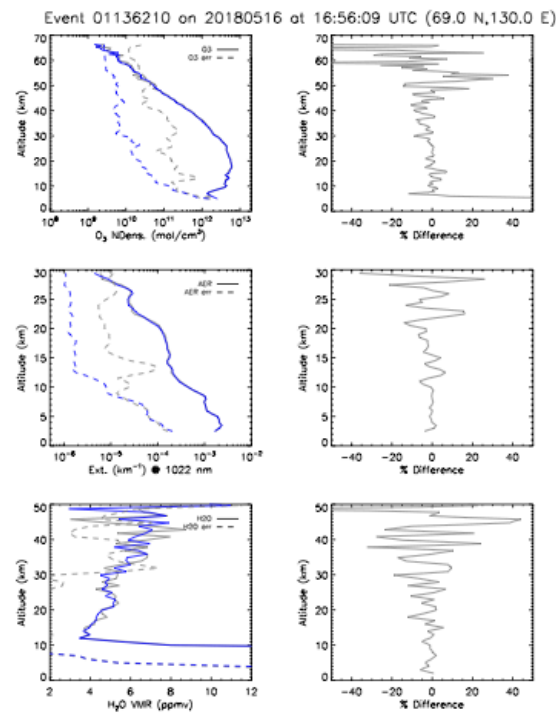


Figure 9

Level 1 Transmission Improvements:

Fig 8 Unbinned Transmission for wavelengths (385, 601, & 1020 nm)

- [Top Row] Exo Atmospheric DMP corrects disturbances reliably
Order of Magnitude Decrease in noise
Similar Results observed for Entire Exo-Atmospheric Dataset
- [Bottom Row] Lower Atmosphere Disturbance present, smaller for this event, correction still performs reliably
Changes in overall pointing registration where large transmission gradients exist

Level 2 Retrieval Improvements:

Fig 9 [Left] Retrievals & Uncertainties for O₃, 1 μ Aerosol, & H₂O Vapor
Fig 9 [Right] Percent Differences for each Retrieval

- Reduction in Retrieval Uncertainties
- Reduction in Retrieval Noise itself
Note H₂O Vapor reduction which is specifically sensitive to Transmission noise
- Beginning to Investigate the effects of the DMP Correction on the SAGE III/ISS Dataset as a whole



To Summarize:

- Sage operates on the ISS
- ISS experiences Attitude Fluctuations
- DMP Corrects for Pointing Mis-Registrations in 10% Events
- Level 1 & 2 Data Products result in lower uncertainties

Future Work:

- Analyzing Entire Dataset using DMP Correction
- Investigate Other Potential Improvements
 - Fine tune Filter Cutoff Frequency
 - Incorporate Azimuth & Roll Offsets
 - Incorporate DMP Flag for high level disturbances
- Improve Understanding of:
 - Coordinate Transformation
ACS → DMP → SA
 - Mechanical Transfer Function

